





The Canadian Tariff.

As the conviction that Confederation is the immediate destiny of this Colony gains ground, interest in the Canadian Tariff of Customs is relatively increased. And it is well that it should be so. There are, we have been given to understand, a few persons laboring under the delusion that the Canadian tariff will not necessarily be ours under Confederation—that we shall have power to frame a tariff suited to our local wants, or to modify the general one somewhat, in so far as its application to this section is concerned. This is altogether a mistake, one which no person at all familiar with the subject, is in danger of making. The Tariff of Customs, above all other matters, is a Federal measure and must of necessity, and will be uniform the Dominion over. There is nothing in the constitution or genius of the Dominion repugnant to the establishment of a free port, wherever such a thing may be considered desirable; but the theory of a varying Customs tariff or differential duties is one which is not, cannot, will not be entertained. We wish it could be otherwise; but we must deal with facts as we find them. Allusion was made in a previous article to the fact that, under the Canadian tariff, that class of taxation paid in the form of import duties would be very materially lightened. A more careful examination of that tariff leads us to the belief that it would be reduced fully one third. In other words, instead of being called upon to hand over to the Dominion Government \$350,000 of revenue, we would not in reality give away more than \$243,000. With a treaty of reciprocity between the Dominion and the United States the revenue derived from this source would be still further diminished. In this way we should probably be relieved of about \$150,000 taxation, a reflection which is peculiarly gratifying in view of the fact that this relief is from a class of taxation which produces Federal revenue. Notwithstanding this salutary consideration, we cannot, however, close our eyes to the fact that the tariff contains several items calculated to bear injuriously upon the commercial interests of Victoria. Dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, &c., all fall under the head of enumerated articles, and are subject to an *ad valorem* duty of 15 per cent. On the other hand, we find little or no duty imposed upon the natural productions of the country. This is, we confess, the most serious feature of the whole matter. The very articles, which, of all others, we desire to have admitted at a merely nominal rate of duty, in order to extend foreign trade and build up a large commercial city, would be subject to an increased rate, while the only articles standing in need of protection have it not. This point is not raised as an argument against Confederation; for we think it would be useless to argue against it; nor do we believe there are sufficient arguments against it to justify opposition. But this is one of the reasons in favor of Victoria being created a free port. Under such a tariff there is little hope of our being able to attain commercial power in time to cope with our neighbors. With a free port we would be certain to do so. Turning to other items of importance in the tariff, it is satisfactory to find live stock well protected. Horses, \$15; horses and cattle, \$10; swine, \$2; sheep, \$1. The duty on tobacco is considerably less than under our present tariff, being five per cent *ad valorem* and 15 cents a pound specific on manufactured tobacco, and on cigars ranging from \$3 to \$6 per thousand, according to value. Perhaps the most marked reduction will be found in the article of spirits, which, under our tariff, pays \$2 a gallon, and under the Canadian tariff only 80 cents. We confess that we cannot felicitate ourselves over this particular item. Without pretending to understand the policy which framed the Canadian tariff, we cannot but think that it would be in the true interest of the country to take, say, ten per cent from such classes of dry goods as must continue to be imported, and place an equivalent increase upon spirits. These, taken with the free admission of grain, flour and along free list of upwards of three hundred articles, constitute the most important features of a customs tariff, without doubt destined at no distant date to take the place of our own. There is just one other item in the Canadian tariff to which we will extend our present remarks. It is provided that "The Governor in Council may, under regulations to be made for that purpose, allow, on the exportation of goods which have been imported into Canada, and on which the duty of customs has been paid, a drawback equal to the duty so paid." Under this provision it is presumable that privilege is similar to those sought by our own Drawbacks Bill of last session, but which still awaits the Royal assent, might be obtained for Victoria. The more we study the Canadian tariff and the more we reflect upon the whole question, both in the light of its local and national bearings, the more thoroughly are we convinced that it would be the true policy of British Columbia and of the Dominion to establish a free port on the Pacific seaboard. Of course it would be folly to suppose that we can make this a stipulated condition of entering the Dominion; but we are disposed to think it would be true wisdom on our part to

take the earliest opportunity of bringing this subject before the authorities at Ottawa, with a view to showing them not only that such a measure appears indispensable to local prosperity, but that it would indirectly benefit the entire Dominion, by at once giving it a commercial status and power on this side of the continent which it could only hope otherwise to attain after a protracted and doubtful race for empire. As was very properly intimated in a communication which appeared in these columns on Tuesday, there may be some doubt as to the advisability of those now in the colony committing future and larger populations, by an act of this kind, to a principle regarding which there may be much difference of opinion. In reply to this objection we would say, let the people now in the colony seek, in negotiating terms of Confederation, to have the power conceded to the Provincial Legislature to create a free port here, should the representatives of the people consider such a thing desirable. It would of course be competent for the Provincial Legislature to abolish the free port at any time; and thus would the objection to which we have alluded fall to the ground. Now is the time to have all such matters thoroughly ventilated; and, whatever diversity of opinion may exist, it will be well that all parties should approach these subjects in a spirit of moderation, and with an honest desire to secure for this our adopted country those terms of union which will have the greatest influence for good.

The Pascal Forgeries.

From the New York Evening Post.  
It will be recollected that two years ago a good deal of discussion was excited in France and England concerning the alleged discovery of authentic letters of Pascal, which clearly gave to the great Frenchman the glory of having been the first to unfold the law of gravitation. M. Philaret Chasles brought these letters to the notice of the Academy, and when confronted by the defense of Newton's fame with a demand for the name of the owner of the letters, declined to give it, but offered the manuscripts either in the originals or in photographic facsimiles, for scientific examination. Subsequently a report from a commission of the Florentine Academy, declaring that a letter put forth upon the same authority as Galileo's was spurious, excited the suspicions of M. Chasles as to the character of his discoveries in general and he caused the house of the owner of these remarkable autographs [which had swelled to the number of twenty thousand] to be rigidly searched, in the hopes of obtaining proofs of his rascality, but without important results.  
M. Chasles has now come forward with full and most extraordinary revelations in relation to the fraud, which would appear quite unprecedented in literary history. The Rowley manuscripts, the Ireland forgeries, the numberless rascalities of George Paganuzzi, all divide into insignificance by the side of this new production of ancient documents. The most singular part of the whole matter is that M. Chasles refused to be convinced of the falsity of all the letters. The allusion has been so delightful to him that he is reluctant that it shall be all at once and entirely dispelled; and when we read over the lists of illustrious men to whose inner lives he was introduced in this most interesting and voluminous correspondence, we cannot wonder that he clings fondly to the sweet deception. More than this, he had paid thirty thousand dollars for portions of the correspondence, and he could not bear to believe that he had spent his money for waste paper. Think of the delight an enthusiastic antiquary would derive from original letters, documents or poems in the handwriting of Copernicus, Christopher Columbus, Galileo, Luther, Raphael, Michael Angelo, Montaigne, Shakespeare, Scaliger, Rabelais, Francis I. Cervantes, Ponsard, Tasso, Dante, Petrarch, Brantome and Joan of Arc! But the forgeries did not stop here. There were documents purporting to come from St. Augustine, St. Jerome, Julius Caesar and other Roman emperors, and some of the Apostles!  
It is inconceivable that a French academician could have been imposed upon by such a preposterous fraud as this, no matter with what amazing cleverness it may have been carried on. The author of it, whom M. Chasles calls a "palaeontological architect," whatever that may mean, certainly seems the more learned and able men of the two, and it is fortunate that his exposure has been made public before he produced the logbook of Noah giving new views of the deluge, or a letter of Cain, exculpating himself in the matter of the murder of Abel.

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null 3m ALEX. B. GRAY, Secretary.

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